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It was a tough legislative session in Olympia this year, but we accomplished a lot including overcoming a \$2.7 billion budget deficit and passing the first new transportation plan in 13 years. Some of our other achievements for the 2003 session include:

- Approving a package of bills to promote economic development and keep Boeing jobs in our state.
- Expanding state efforts to crack down on drunk driving and increase public safety.
- Passing a prescription drug reform bill that will help our senior citizens.
- Approving measures to reduce dangerous mercury in the environment, and increase our state's production of renewable energy.

Unfortunately, there were some disappointments including an inadequate investment in our schools and reductions in health care coverage for some low- and middle-income adults. Next year we'll have to make stronger investments in these areas, but I'd like your help.

Nearly everyone of us has uttered the words, "There ought to be a law...." Well, I'd like to provide an opportunity for citizens to present their ideas for legislation. Please use the enclosed panel to submit your idea and I'll report on your suggestions in a future newsletter.

Inside you'll also find information about how to reach me and how I can help you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in Olympia.

Sincerely,

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John

**Have you ever thought
there ought to be a law
about something?
Send me your ideas
for legislation using
the space inside.**

How you can reach me

I currently serve as the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. In this capacity, I am a member of the House's leadership and serve as the Speaker of the House when Speaker Frank Chopp is unavailable. I also serve on the following committees:

- Criminal Justice & Corrections
- Judiciary
- Transportation

As a 29-year veteran of the Washington State Patrol, I have much experience with public safety and transportation issues. This session I helped pass legislation to toughen penalties on drunk drivers, ensure that violent offenders not be released early during these tough budget times, and strengthen the state's felony murder law and voyeurism statute. My work experience guides much of my legislative work, but I always appreciate your input as well.

To reach me in Olympia, write, call or e-mail:

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How I can help you

You're always welcome to contact me including when:

You have a problem with a state agency.

Are you having difficulty getting an answer about a problem or concern of yours? Are people not returning your phone calls? I can work with you to solve your problem or address your concern. It's my job!

You have questions or comments about a bill.

To represent our district effectively, I need input from you about bills moving through the Legislature. If you'd like to learn more about a proposed law or issue you've read or heard about, please call my office or visit the following website: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm>

You have an idea for legislation.

Contact me when you have an idea for legislation. Ideas from citizens frequently make the best laws and the most sense.

You want to testify before a committee.

If you feel strongly about a bill or issue, please consider testifying before a legislative committee. Legislators welcome the opportunity to hear what people think.



Rep. Lovick serves as the Speaker Pro Tempore of the state House of Representatives.

Your ideas or comments

Do you have an idea for a piece of legislation or a comment about an issue? Use this card to share your ideas.

Dear Rep. Lovick:

Sincerely,

Name:
Phone:
Address:
Email: